

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING CONSERVATION CLOSURES / OPENINGS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL SHELLFISH PROGRAM

“Prior to closing or opening an area of a municipality to shellfish harvesting the municipality shall review the status of the resource affected and secure the recommendation of the DMR area biologist and the approval of the commissioner.” **Maine DMR Regulation 7.50**

The following steps should be followed to gain the approval of the Commissioner in a timely manner.

PROCEDURE

1. Contact the Regional DMR biologist responsible for your town. His agreement will be required for any conservation action proposed by the municipality.

York, Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties

Donald Card Tel/Fax: 207-443-5147
72 Indian Carry Rd.
W. Bath, ME 04530

Lincoln, Knox and Waldo Counties

Ron Aho Tel/Fax: 207-586-5572
118 Kings Highway
Newcastle, ME 04553

Hancock County

Annis, Hannah Tel/Fax: 207-469-6134
22 Charlie Star Lane,
Orland, ME 04472

Washington County

Nault, Denis-Marc Tel/Fax: 207-422-2092
60 Harborview Drive
Sullivan, ME 04664

2. Fill out the attached application
3. Send the completed application, *at least three weeks prior* to the requested date, to the appropriate area biologist from the list above.

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To: AREA BIOLOGIST _____ Date: _____

FROM: _____

The town of _____ requests approval of the Commissioner of the DMR to open / close the following shellfish growing area: _____

Please write the description of the boundaries of the area and attach a map showing the area:

Contact Person for the town:

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax: _____

Please answer or do the following:

1. Why is this area being opened / closed?
2. If this is a conservation closure:
 - A. How long will the area be closed?
From Date: _____ To Date: _____
 - B. What is the acreage of the inter tidal area? _____
3. If this is a conservation opening, what is the date the area is to be opened?
4. Who will enforce this conservation action?
5. How will people (harvesters and others) be notified of the action?
6. What is the State of Maine DMR classification of the growing area?
Approved (Open) ☐ Prohibited (Closed) ☐ Restricted (Depuration) ☐

NOTE: Municipalities do not have authority to stop Depuration harvesting in Restricted areas or to permit harvesting in Prohibited areas.